people of Bilaspur area in Madhya Pradesh, and

(c) the details of the people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward classes provided employment in BALCO during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Details of employment provided by BALCO during the period 1989-91 are shown below -

	Total	*SC*	*ST*	*Others*
Group A	21	5	3	13
Group B		-		
Group C	29	7	16	6
Group D	48	12	9	27
	98	24	28	46

[*English*]

Drive to attract Foreign Tourists

*467 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether a record number of foreign tourists visited India during January and February 1992,

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) whether the Government have launched a massive drive to attract foreign tourists to India during the coming summer months and the target set therefor

(d) if so the details of the special packages that are being prepared jointly by the airlines, hotels and travel agencies, and

(e) the foreign exchange likely to be earned thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The number of foreign tounsts who visisted India during January and February, 1992 were 1,77,475 and 1,67,268 respectively and recorded increase of 23 1% and 46 0% over the same months of the previous year

(c) A publicity programme on summer package is being evolved in addition to the regular publicity efforts The number of foreign tounsts who are expected to visit India during April to September 1992 are 7,60 188

(d) The package would be offered at uniform competitive prices during April to September for three years from 1992 in Europe and United States.

(e). The likely foreign exchange earning from tourists during April-September, 1992 is Rs. 1570 crores.

Power Sets Commissioned during Seventh Plan

*468. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 200 MW and 500 MW thermal sets commissioned in the country during the seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of sets supplied by the BHEL out of them and the number of those imported; and

(c) the average cost per MW of capacity (in Indian rupee) for the sets supplied by BHEL as compared to the imported sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). During the 7th Plan period, 11 Thermal Units of 500 MW capacity and 39 Thermal Units of 210 MW were commissioned. Out of these, 2 Units of 500 MW and 8 Units of 210 MW were imported. The rest were of indigenous make and were supplied by BHEL expcept in 3 cases of 210 MW Units where the boilers, though indigenous, were not supplied by BHEL but by ABL.

(c) The average capital cost/MW of capacity commissioned during the 7th Plan period is indicated below:-

Imported (Rs. lakhs)	*Indigenous (Rs. lakhs)*
108.1	103.5

As regards 500 MW sets, the indigenous sets commissioned during the 7th Plan period are in configuration with 210 MW indigenous sets and the total project cost includes the costs of sets of both ratings and., therefore, the cost/MW of 500 MW sets of indigenous and imported sets are not comparable.

S.T.D. Facility

469. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide STD facility to more areas of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to provide NSD to all the exchanges by the end of 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Chasnala colliery

5097. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chasnala Colliery in Dhanbad continues to pose hazards of mining;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;